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In re Patent Application of:
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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance of a first Office Action after the filing of the Request for Continued Examination file herewith, please consider the following remarks.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | 33 | - 33* = | | X | |
| Independent | 8 | - 8** = | | X | |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) | | | | | |
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*not less than 20

** not less than 3

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